### Survey Calendar

**Species** | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec
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**Habitats / Vegetation** | Phase 1 (sub-optimal) | Phase 1 and NVC | Phase 1 (sub-optimal)
**Badgers** | Bait marking and sett surveys | Sett surveys limited by vegetation cover
**Bats** | Inspection of hibernation roosts | Limited activity | Summer roost emergence surveys and activity surveys | Limited activity | Hibernation roosts
| Potential roost and internal surveys are possible all year around. Trees are best surveyed in winter.
**Dormice** | Nest tube survey from April to November
| Gnawed hazel nut search - best from September to December
**Otters** | Limited by vegetation cover and weather conditions rather than seasons
| Habitat survey | Low activity
**Water voles** | Low activity | Habitat survey
| Low activity / Specific species e.g. nightjar | Passage / Migrant species | Non-breeding
**Bats** | Non-breeding | Breeding birds & migrant/passage species | Breeding birds
| Low activity | Habitat and field signs / activity surveys
| May be limited by vegetation cover and weather
**Birds** | Great crested newts eDNA | eDNA survey from mid-April
**Great crested newts conventional** | Newts hibernating | Pond survey for adults / terrestrial survey / egg surveys April to mid-June / larvae surveys from mid-May
| Habitat and larvae survey | Habitat survey | Newts hibernating
**Natterjack Toad** | Toads hibernating | Pond survey for adults, terrestrial & egg surveys
| Surveys for adults on land
| Larvae surveys
**Reptiles** | Reptiles hibernating | Peak survey months, April, May
| Reduced basking time lowers effectiveness of refugia survey
| Peak survey month
| Limited activity
| Reptiles hibernating
**White-clawed crayfish** | Reduced activity | Searching Torchlight and trapping surveys
| Breeding Torchlight survey only
| Substrate search by hand Torchlight and trapping surveys
| Reduced activity

**Key**
- **Surveys recommended**
- **Sub-optimal survey period**
- **Surveys not possible**

**NOTE:** Survey timings shown are indicative only, and robust evidence gathering will also depend on other factors such as locality and prevailing weather conditions.